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S E C R E T RABAT 1297

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LOS: STRAITS STATES PROPOSAL

REF: A. STATE 054974; B. RABAT 1077 (NOTAL)

1. WE QUERIED GHALI BENHIMA, FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DIVISION OF EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN AFFAIRS, MARCH 25 CONCERNING POSSIBILITY THAT GOM WOULD CO- SPONSOR IN NEAR FUTURE DRAFT ARTICLES DEALING WITH STRAITS TRANSIT AND NAVIGATION AS DESCRIBED REF A.

2. BEHIMA SAID HE HIMSELF UNAWARE OF POSSIBILITY, BUT SAID HE WOULD RAISE SUBJECT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ( HIS BROTHER) AND CALL US BACK TOMORROW. HE ALSO SAID THAT LOS IS ONEOF SUBJECTS THAT FOREIGN MINISTER IS PREPARED DISCUSS DURING FORTHCOMING VISIT TO WASHINGTON.

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3. IN OUR JUDGEMENT THERE IS LITTLE POSSIBILITY THAT GOM  
WILL CHANGE FROM ITS THUS FAR UNYIELDING POSITION ON  
INNOCENT PASSAGE. ROYAL DAHIR RECENTLY ISSUED ON  
EXTENSION OF MOROCCAN FISHING ZONE ( REF B) POINTEDLY  
STATED THAT RIGHT TO TRANSIT AND OVERFLIGHT OF MOROCCAN  
TERRITORIAL WATERS IS ACCORDED UNDER CONDITIONS STIPULATED  
IN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS TO WHICH MOROCCO IS SIGNATORY  
AND QUOTE CONFORMING TO PRINCIPLE OF INNER QUOTE INNOCENT  
PASSAGE INNER QUOTE ENDED AS RECOGNIZED AND DEFINED BY  
INTERNATIONAL LAW END QUOTE. AS KING THUS HAS GONE  
ON RECORD ON SUBJECT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO CHANGE  
POSITION.

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